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ANNUAL PROGRAM MEETING All signs indicate that the Annual Program Meeting will be outstanding this year. The program consists of two main parts:
January 27 - 30, 1954
Hotel Statler
Washington, D. C.
1. Workshops, for which advance registration is necessary.
2. General Sessions, open to all interested persons. Although you have had the preliminary program, your attention is called to the following outstanding speakers for the general sessions.

Wednesday, January 27, 8:00 - 9:30 P.M.

Dr. Mordecai Johnson, President, Howard University

Subject: Roots of Our Lives - Values of Our World

Thursday, January 28, 8:30 - 9:30 P.M.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt

Subject: Threats in Our Time

Friday, January 29, 8:00 - 9:30 P.M.

Dr. Buell G. Gallagher, President, The City College of New York

Subject: Education for Social Responsibility

Saturday, January 30, 11:15 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

Dr. Helen R. Wright, President, Council on Social Work Education

Subject: Social Work Education and Social Responsibility

PRELIMINARY MEETINGS Prior to the opening of the Annual Program Meeting, the following business meetings will be held:

Tuesday, January 26

A.M.

9:30 - 12:30 — Board of Directors

P.M.

2:30 - 5:00 — All Commissions

— Nominating Committee

7:30 - 9:00 — All Commissions

— Nominating Committee

Wednesday, January 27

A.M.

8:00 - 10:15 — Board of Directors

Breakfast Meeting

10:00 - 12:30 — Div. of Graduate Schools

— Div. of Undergraduate
Departments

P.M.

2:00 - 4:30 — Council of Delegates

Open Meeting

ENROLLMENT IN SCHOOLS OF SOCIAL WORK Preliminary tabulations of enrollment figures indicate a decline of approximately 7.5% in the number of full time students in the fifty-nine accredited graduate schools of social work in the United States and Canada during the current term. The annual publication Statistics on Social Work Education for 1953-54 should be off the press in February and will report the current situation in detail.

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RECRUITMENT An intensified program of recruitment to the field of social work is now in progress. Several new recruitment publications have already been made available including Social Work as a Profession, all of which can be ordered from the Council. Representatives of eight local communities attended a Council workshop on recruitment and a year's experimental program is being carried on with them to determine effective methods. A number of other plans are being developed which it is believed will stimulate interest in social work as a career. A special issue of Social Work Education projected for February, will be devoted to reporting recruitment activities and plans.

TELEVISION PROGRAM ON SOCIAL WORK A dramatic television program, "The Social Worker," devoted entirely to the professional social worker - her knowledge, skills and role in the community - was produced for the first time in television history on the American Inventory series of the National Broadcasting Company network, Sunday, November 29, from New York City, 2 - 2:30 P.M. The program was produced by Teleprograms, under a grant from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, with the cooperation of the New York School of Social Work, Columbia University. The kinescope film (16mm) may be secured from American Inventory, NBC, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York 20, New York.

NEW RADIO SERIES A new dramatic radio series entitled "Decision!" has its premiere Monday evening (January 11) at 9:30 - 10:00 P.M. EST, as a weekly half-hour feature over the American Broadcasting Company network. "Decision!" will dramatize man's present-day struggles to retain his freedom of choice and right to make his own decisions and guide his own destiny in a democratic world. Listen to the Program. (Note: It is a 13-week series.) Check with the local stations to see if the programs are being carried. If not, the local stations should be encouraged to carry them. If you like the program, so advise the local station. This program is produced by the Institute for Democratic Education.

NEW MEMBERSHIPS The Council is happy to report that several important national agencies have become members in recent months. Among these are the American Jewish Committee, Association of the Junior Leagues of America, Inc., Department of Social Welfare of the Missouri Synod of the Lutheran Church, National Association for Mental Health, Youth Department, National Catholic Welfare Conference, National Council of Jewish Women, National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, National Probation & Parole Association and United Service for New Americans, Inc. There are approximately 65 undergraduate departments which have become members of the Council and some 250 individuals have also joined. Membership is one important way in which the work of the Council can be supported and insures a knowledge of its activities. A complete roster of Council membership will be published early next year. Such a list had been scheduled for earlier publication but rapid changes in membership made it seem desirable to delay the publication date.

NEWS NOTES FROM CANADA Charles E. Hendry, Director of the School of Social Work at the University of Toronto, has announced that well over half of the \$200,000 goal for the Harry M. Cassidy Memorial Research Fund has been raised. Policies have now been established for governing the use of the funds in carrying forward a research program in social work.

On November 20, 21 and 22, 1953 the School of Social Work, and the Department of University Extension held a Round Table on the Social Implications of the 1951 Census. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics cooperated with this University by preparing basic data for discussion. Approximately fifty persons - representatives of industry, business, labour, civil service, the welfare services, and universities - attended the Round Table. Arrangements have been made to publish the full proceedings of the conference.

At the recent meetings of the National Committee of the Canadian Schools of Social Work, Professor Charles E. Hendry was elected Chairman of the Committee. During the meetings in Ottawa plans were finalized for a nation-wide study of Social Work Education in Canada.

FOURTH NATIONAL CONFERENCE Miss Mary Houk, Director of the Division of Social Service, U.S. COMMISSION FOR UNESCO University of Indiana and Chairman of the Council's Committee on Training of International Students was the Council's delegate to the Fourth National Conference for UNESCO. She found the meeting tremendously stimulating. The theme was "America's Stake in International Cooperation." She reports, "Of particular interest was the Working Paper for one group on 'The Role of Higher Education in International Cooperation.' In it Clarence Decker indicated that "the most important, yet most elusive and difficult, problem in contemporary education is the advancement of international understanding," adding that while the U.S. shares its educational talents and techniques with other countries, we "need desperately to share our way of life and draw on the ways of life of other people who have much to contribute to us." Another important paper was that of John H. Province on 'Human Problems in Technical Assistance: Guidance for American Understanding and Overseas Service.' Mr. Province said that the weakness in his paper as he had himself discovered was that he had failed to point out the "likenesses in man," but had focussed too largely on "only differences." In discussing the role of the innovator who introduces change, it was brought out that there had been a failure to give attention to the human relations aspects in our technical assistance programs. It was this neglect that resulted in the recent recommendation by a government psychiatric consultant, who had made a world survey of the adjustment problems of American Personnel, that "personal suitability and understanding of human relations were more important criteria than technical competence." It was thought this statement might go too far but there was a lively discussion of this point.

Among the score of foreign visitors were Mrs. Alva Myrdal, and Mr. M. H. El-Zaygot, Cultural Attache of the Egyptian Embassy in Washington, D.C. Myrna Loy after a two hour night session introduced the new UNESCO film "World Without End" at its world premiere showing. It is a stirring picture which was filmed in Mexico and Thailand.

SEVENTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF SOCIAL WORK Make your reservations now to attend the seventh meeting of the International Conference of Social Work to be held in Toronto, Canada from June 27 to July 2, 1954, with the University of Toronto campus serving as Headquarters. The theme of the Conference is "Promoting Social Welfare Through Self-Help and Cooperative Action." Americans attending the Conference are expected to become members of the International Conference. The preliminary program and information about membership, registration and housing may be obtained from the offices of the United States Committee for the International Conference of Social Work, 345 East 46th Street, New York 17, New York.

SEVENTH CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF SCHOOLS OF SOCIAL WORK Faculty members of American and Canadian schools of social work are urged to attend the seventh international congress of schools to be held immediately following the International Conference of Social Work in Toronto. The dates are July 3 and 4. The program is being planned by the Canadian Committee of Schools of Social Work. Information regarding registration, etc. will be made available later.

The happy choice of Toronto as the locale for both these important international conferences offers an exceptional opportunity for American and Canadian social workers to meet and work with their colleagues from all over the world. Tours will be arranged to follow the meetings so plan a Canadian vacation next year to combine business, pleasure, and international cooperation.

DR. RENE SAND Social work throughout the entire world suffered a great loss with the sudden death on August 25 of Dr. Rene Sand of Belgium, who for many years gave inspired international leadership in the fields of medicine and social work. A list of his accomplishments and honors would fill many pages. He was perhaps best known to Americans and Canadians through his long service with the International Conference of Social Work, first as Secretary-general, then as President, and, at the time of his death, as Honorary President. He was also known to social work educators for his life-long activity in promoting the establishment of schools of social work for the preparation of professional personnel and for his leadership of the International Committee of Schools of Social Work. He was the author of a number of authoritative books on social work and social medicine and, at the time of his death, was engaged in a comparative study for the World Health Organization of medical social work and the preparation of social workers for this field in Britain and France. Although he was 76 years of age when he died, his activities, interests, and energies were those of a man in the prime of life. He was truly a pioneer and a great man and all of our countries are the poorer because of his death.

DEATH OF DR. FORREST WELLER Word was recently received of the death on November 26, 1953, of Dr. Forrest L. Weller who was professor of Sociology and head of the department at the University of South Dakota. Dr. Weller was an active participant in the work of the Council.

ADVANCE NOTE ON EMPLOYMENT SERVICE PLANS FOR NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF SOCIAL WORK May 9 - 14, 1954 Atlantic City, New Jersey Again in 1954 a public employment service office for social workers manned by employment specialists, will be a feature of the National Conference of Social Work. The job clearing house will be provided by the United States Employment Service in cooperation with affiliated State Employment Services. The specific purpose of the plan is to provide arrangements for bringing job orders and job applicants in the social work field together. A centrally placed booth, staffed by experienced employment service interviewers will be available to bring together interested applicants and agency representatives who have listed vacancies.

If planning to attend the National Conference of Social Work

1. An employer looking for staff registers his vacancy and a social worker looking for employment registers his application at the nearest local employment office. There are 1800 State Employment Service local offices, each having the appropriate forms and willing to assist in completing the forms. Applicants are urged to prepare a brief resume of education and experience, job and location preferences and desired salary. This resume will be attached to the employment service form. All orders or applications not filled locally will be forwarded to the Conference.
2. Early registration is advisable. The deadline for advance filing is April 14.
3. USES will endeavor to screen and match candidates for employers and job opportunities for applicants in advance and have this material assembled when the person activates his registration at the Conference.
4. The employer or the applicant must check in at the Employment Service booth immediately upon arrival to activate his registration (see 3).
5. While applications and orders will be taken at the Conference, the Employment Service cannot give these individuals the same service in screening and matching as to those who register in advance.

Help avoid some of last year's confusion and long waiting lines by registering early, prior to April 14.

JANE HOEY DISMISSAL Members of the Council know that the president, at the request of the Board, protested to the Secretary of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare on the implications to the principle of civil service involved in the discharge of Jane M. Hoey as Director of the Bureau of Public Assistance. (See Letter From the President #3, December 1953). Following is a reply to Miss Wright's letter from the Under Secretary of the Department.

Department of
HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
Washington

November 17, 1953

Dear Miss Wright:

Your thoughtful letter of November fourth to Secretary Hobby, stating your views concerning the Directorship of the Bureau of Public Assistance, is very much appreciated.

The work of the Bureau of Public Assistance involves constant policy formulation and determination in connection with the innumerable problems which arise throughout the States and Territories in handling the allocation of more than \$1 billion annually under a complicated legislative structure. The President in March issued Executive Order 10440 to "enable the Administration to make appointments directly to those positions involving the determination of major executive policies." Accordingly, last April the Civil Service Commission determined that the position of Director of the Bureau of Public Assistance be exempted from Civil Service requirements. This was one of 25 positions exempted out of the Department's total of more than 35,000 Civil Service employees. The Secretary delayed six months in offering Miss Jane Hoey some other position in the Department because she did not want to appoint a new Director of the Bureau until the Selection of the new Commissioner of Social Security had been made. You undoubtedly read of Mr. John Trumburg's appointment to this post on November tenth.

Contrary to a misunderstanding, Miss Hoey will not lose her retirement rights by the move that has been made. Her rights are fully protected owing to the fact that she has accumulated leave which carries her beyond the point at which she is eligible for retirement in the middle of January.

I can assure you that the Secretary has no intention of making a move which will in any way impair or destroy the professional character of this program. On the contrary, she is making moves throughout the Department to strengthen and extend, in line with the mandates of Congress, the basic services to the American people.

Thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

Nelson A. Rockefeller

UNDERGRADUATE CONFERENCES A conference on undergraduate education was held under the sponsorship of the three schools of social work in Michigan on the Michigan State College campus on May 1 - 2, 1953. Summaries of the discussions are available from the Department of Social Work, Michigan State College, Lansing, Michigan.

The Southern California Conference on Social Welfare Education held an all day conference in February 1953 and focussed on the relationship between undergraduate colleges in the southern California area, the two graduate schools and the social welfare agencies. Copies of the Proceedings are available from the Welfare Council of Metropolitan Los Angeles, 729 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles 17, at \$1 per copy.

The Minnesota Conference of Social Work Education has developed a comprehensive long term recruitment program and has secured substantial financial support to finance it. The Minnesota Conference has become an associate member of the Council on Social Work Education and it is expected that the two organizations will work closely together in many areas of mutual interest.

ACCREDITING DEVELOPMENTS The National Commission on Accrediting has set aside its action calling for the transfer of all accrediting activities to regional accrediting bodies by January, 1954. Recognizing the experimental and time-consuming nature of the basic changes occurring in accrediting, the Commission has decided not to set a final date on which it expects changes to be made. Instead, all professional accrediting organizations are being asked to submit annual reports to describe progress made in their respective fields during the previous calendar year.

The Council continues to work closely with the regional accrediting agencies towards the achievement of common objectives. The Commission on Accreditation has adopted a questionnaire prepared jointly by the Council and the Middle States Association to be used in the cooperative evaluation of schools of social work in the Middle States region. A schedule of joint evaluations to be conducted in 1954 through 1957 has been drawn up for this region. Negotiations are also in progress for Council participation in evaluations scheduled by the Western College Association.

ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE The Committee on Admissions, chaired by Verval Mueller of the University of Minnesota, is planning a refresher workshop at the Annual Program Meeting for admissions personnel who attended one or both of the national workshops on selection of students for schools of social work held in 1953. Information received since these two workshops indicates intensive study and revision by the school committees on admissions of forms used in the admissions process; increased interest in the use of a dynamically oriented pre-admissions interview to assess the personality attributes of the candidate and his capacity for professional growth and development; and development of research methods for the evaluation of admissions procedures. The Admissions Committee now has under consideration the establishment of a national roster of interviewers so that persons trained to give a dynamic pre-admissions interview may be available in every part of the country to interview applicants at the request of any school. Plans and procedures for the operation of such a national roster will be reviewed at the refresher workshop.

COMMITTEE ON TEACHING MATERIALS The Committee on Teaching Materials, chaired by Violet Tennant, University of Indiana, held a meeting in New York City on October 5th and 6th and will hold a second meeting on January 10th. At the request of the Committee the Board of Directors at its October meeting reviewed and revised the policy adopted at its June meeting. In line with the revised policy, the Committee on Teaching Materials will prepare materials of two kinds:

1. For general distribution to schools and agencies, suitable for introductory courses at the undergraduate level or beginning courses in graduate schools, for in-service training programs and for use in institutes.
2. For restricted distribution, to include more detailed descriptive material relative to a client, a group, a member of a group, an agency, a community. These materials will be restricted to use in graduate schools and available to those schools which will make them available to students only on a loan basis.

Four sub-committees have been appointed:

Committee on Teaching Materials in Case Work, chaired by Werner Lutz, Western Reserve University.

Group Work Committee, chaired by Margaret Williamson, Columbia University.
Committee on Community Organization, chaired by Lucy Carner, Bryn Mawr College.
Committee on Undergraduate Teaching Materials, chaired by Sophie Cambria, Hunter College.

The original supply of 300 copies of the case book on Socio-Cultural Elements in Case-work, prepared by the New York Cultural Project Committee, has been exhausted and an additional 200 have been produced and are available from the Council at the same price of \$1.25 per copy plus mailing charges, and \$1 per copy for orders of 10 or more. When this supply is exhausted no additional copies will be available since the Committee offered the case book in its present form on an experimental basis for this year and restricted its use to graduate schools. Plans have been made to secure comments, criticisms and suggestions from teachers and students this spring following classroom use, for the purpose of making revisions for future publication and wider distribution.

The Committee and its sub-committees will appreciate receiving information about records for teaching purposes and other forms of teaching materials which fall into either of the two categories and which you are willing to submit to the Committee for review and publication by the Council.

COMMITTEE ON ADVANCED FIELD WORK With the support of an Institute of Mental Health training grant, the Council, in cooperation with AAPSW, has initiated committee activity on field work in the advanced curriculum. The Committee is composed of persons engaged in the supervision of third-year and doctoral students in case work and group work field placements in psychiatric or medical settings, teachers of case work and group work for the same student group and a research consultant. The Field Work Committee was appointed as an outgrowth of the work of the Council's Committee on the Advanced Curriculum and on AAPSW Committee on Third Year Field Work. Miss Eleanor Cockerill of the University of Pittsburgh serves as Chairman of the Committee.

COSTS OF SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION The national office is pleased to announce that there was an excellent response by the graduate schools in both Canada and the United States to its recent request for budget information. The reason for the request was the need, on the part of the staff, for up-to-date financial data to be used in consultation activities. Because of the confidential nature of much of the data and the many variables that need to be taken into account in analyzing budgetary material, no general report will be issued. Individual graduate schools desiring specific information on the financial experience of other schools may, however, direct inquiries to the office and the pertinent information will be made available subject to the restrictions placed on the information by those furnishing it.

NEW APPOINTMENTS The following changes in leadership in the graduate schools have been reported for the present academic year: Dr. Chester S. Clifton has been named director of the Oklahoma University School of Social Work; Dr. Paul S. Schreiber has been appointed chairman of the faculty of the Adelphi College School of Social Work; Miss Helen Mann is serving as acting director of the University of Manitoba School of Social Work; Miss Catherine W. Purcell continues as acting dean of the Fordham University School of Social Work; Sister M. Immaculate is serving as acting director of the Worden School of Social Service of Our Lady of the Lake College; and Mr. Whitney M. Young becomes dean of the School of Social Work at Atlanta University on January 1, 1954. Mr. Forrester B. Washington, who formerly headed the school is joining the staff of the National Urban League.

MEDICAL SOCIAL WORK APPOINTMENT Miss Mary L. Hemmy, Executive Director of the American Association of Medical Social Workers has announced the appointment of Miss Opal Gooden as Consultant on Recruitment. Miss Gooden has wide experience in public relations and was formerly with the Federal government.

APPOINTMENT OF JOHN TRAMBURG The Council has exchanged friendly greetings with John Tramburg, new Commissioner of Social Security. He knows that the Council is ready to cooperate with him in every way to improve the social security program. Mr. Tramburg is a graduate of the School of Social Service Administration of the University of Chicago and is on leave from his position as Director of the Department of Public Welfare of the State of Wisconsin.

HONORS Jane M. Hoey, 3rd Vice President of the Council, was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters by the University of Nebraska in June 1953. Miss Hoey's remarks on the occasion of the award are carried in the December 1953 issue of the Social Service Review.

Kate McMahon was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Humanities by Western Reserve University in June 1953. The Newsletter of the American Association of Medical Social Workers for July 1953 carries a full report of Miss McMahon's long and distinguished contributions to social work education.

Mrs. Elizabeth Shirley Enochs, member of the Council on Social Work Education Committee on Training of International Students, and chief, International Technical Mission of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters by the Western College for Women at Oxford, Ohio, in October 1953. Mrs. Enochs has a long and unusually distinguished career in international social work and has helped to implement social work projects under the Point Four program.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED

"Group Work Education in the Last Decade" a reprint from The Group by Clara A. Kaiser, June 1953. Available from the American Association of Group Workers, 129 East 52nd Street, New York 22, N.Y., 10¢ per copy, 20% reduction on orders of 50 or more.

Proceedings Recruiting Conference, October 12, 1953, National Jewish Welfare Board, 145 East 32nd Street, New York 16, N.Y.

A Court For Children A Study of the New York City Children's Court by Alfred J. Kahn, Columbia University Press, New York, 1953, price \$4.50.

New World of the Mind by J. B. Rhine, William Sloane Associates, New York, 1953, price \$3.75.

Fire in the Ashes Europe in Mid-Century by Theodore H. White, William Sloane Associates, New York, 1953, price \$5.00.

Education for Service Annual Report of the Dean, The New York School of Social Work of Columbia University, November 1953. Available from the school at 2 East 91st Street, New York 28, N.Y.

NEW RECRUITMENT PUBLICATIONS

Social Work Fellowships and Scholarships. This will be available the first week in January. The delay in publication resulted from delays in getting questionnaires returned and in problems connected with the new form of the publication, which is experimental. The information is presented in tabular form and is approximately twice the size of last year's publication. Available from the Council at 10¢ per copy. Free to members.

Social Work as a Profession published by the National Committee on Social Work in Defense Mobilization for the Council, 1953, price 25¢ per copy, 10% discount on orders of 10 or more.

